



Rockport Parks and Beautification

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May 12, 2021 - 5:00 P.M. – via ZOOM and Livestream

In attendance: Haunani Wallace, Doug Cole, Jan Baldwin, Sue Kauck, Mark Kelley, Sally Cook, Eric Winters, Lea Anne Dunton, Mike Young, Paula Coyne, Steve Smith, and Sandy Hurlbut.

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes Sandy moved to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting as written, Sue seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Update on Library Landscaping

As of May 12, the lower level terrace has had the benches installed and the 2 crabapple trees planted. Doug suggested that plants be added to the NW side of the bench area and Lea Anne volunteered to take a look and recommend which plants to install. Also the wing wall is being built on the NW side of the building.

In Memorial Park the rhododendrons have been planted. Mike will have the water meter installed by 5/14/21 so a hose can be connected in the park and not have to run from the library across Limerock St. Sally volunteered to water the Copper Beech tree twice a week. The “Christmas tree” and the Ruby Ribbon grasses have not survived the winter; Sue will pick out a replacement tree and it will be decided whether to ask Buck to replace the lost tree/grasses or if the committee will purchase with our 25% discount. The trees on the Young side that have not survived were purchased and planted by Rhino and Mike will talk with Rhino about replacements. Mike was also advised that mulch is needed under the new rhododendrons and he will take care of adding it.

Update on DPW needs

Mulch – Mike made a note of all the areas where mulch is needed at the library and in Memorial Park and he requested help in spreading it. The other areas Haunani requested mulch were: Post Office (perennial garden, under the sign), Triangle, West Rockport Fire Station.

Claybrook Mike is hoping to meet with them in the next day or two and he will ask for a credit for the mowing that was not done last year.

Goodridge Park Mike will get the furniture out on 5/13/21, as well as the trash cans and the dog pick/up station (also at Mem. Park)

Walker Park Mike reported that the stone with the plaque is done and will be installed next week.

Mary Lea Park Mike and Doug have a plan for the wooden stage and Mike will build it.

Memorial Park Haunani requested that the limb from the willow tree that hangs over the park be pruned and Mike will take care of that.

Update on Mary Lea Park Concerts

Doug is working with Chris Tofani to find musicians to play. Concerts will be on Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm. The committee is hopeful that the budget for this venue will be funded by \$500 from Legacy Rockport. LR is meeting on 5/17/21 and will make their decision then. These funds will be used for the materials for the stage and the microphones needed. Eric has determined that the brand of quality microphones that suit our purpose is Shore and the pricing would be \$129 for a vocal mike and \$109 for an instrument mike. Best estimate is that we need 1 vocal and 2-3 instrument mikes.

Haunani will contact the CHRHS chorus director to see if any students might be able to help with the set-up, etc., on Sundays.

Clean Up Rockport

Haunani reported that Maggie Timmerman had been very effusive with thanks about the help from our committee in this spring's clean up efforts. We will be asked to help again in the fall and Mill St. will be added to our list.

Community Garden Update

Doug reported that the area was rototilled by the town, all the plots and pathways were designated, and Doug built and installed compost bins. Thus far, 5 plots have been assigned out of the total 36 plots available. Doug was concerned about participation and the committee agreed to run the press release again to generate more interest. The committee expressed a desire to purchase a banner for site advertising.

NEW BUSINESS

Sally reported that Rich Anderson and his neighbors are interested in the landscape plan to develop the upper part of Memorial Park, and they are hoping it goes all the way to the property line. Haunani responded that the area has been seeded for grass and she will mention this to Mike. She also said that Sarah Rhealt wants to contribute a Japanese Maple and the committee agreed that it could be planted in this area.

Haunani brought up the survey for the Comprehensive Plan that needs to be completed by the Parks & Beautification Committee, but it was decided to put this on the agenda for the June meeting.

Adjournment

Haunani moved that the meeting be adjourned, Sally seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be Wed., June 9, 2021 at 5:00pm on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hurlbut